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TOPIC Soviet Troops Returning from the Aken Area

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REMARKS

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Between 26 September and 18 October 1953, the bulk of the units practicing along the Elbe River in the Aken-Cross Kuehnau-Brambach area returned to their posts. The following loading operations were observed in connection with this return to the Aken railroad station:

26 September. Twelve boxcars and 18 flatcars were loaded with military bridge equipment and 10 trucks, besides 250 to 300 personnel.

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27 through 29 September. Military bridge equipment, trucks, 5 T 34/85 tanks and a total of about 1,200 personnel were entrained.

18 October. Tanks including 11 of type T 34/85 and 2 JS-2, besides 120 to 150 personnel, were entrained.

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Between 26 and 29 September, about 350 trucks loaded with light military bridge equipment and billeting equipment proceeding through Aken en route from the training area toward Bornburg.

Comment. The data contained in the present report indicate that the movements observed involved the unidentified engineer regiment of the GDFG, which as previously during the summer months also this year was stationed at the camp east of Hirschlecker Damm (see sheet 1:25,000). On 23 and 24 September, elements of the regiment moved to the Jerichow area for exercises held there by the Third Shock Army. Other elements of the unit, on 28 and 29 August, moved to the area south of Jena for maneuvers held by the Eighth Gds Army and returned from Ohrdruf to Bornburg on 14 October.

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